



# South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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**EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

## **I. UPDATE: REPORTING COVID-19 INFECTIONS IN THE DDSN DELIVERY SYSTEM:**

Currently, 47 staff have been diagnosed with COVID-19; Regional Centers (15) and community (32). Nineteen consumers have been diagnosed with COVID-19; Regional Centers (7) and community (12). These numbers are reported via Critical Incidents, so there may be minor timing differences between diagnosis date and report date.

## **II. REMINDER: SCDDSN TO HOLD A STATEWIDE MEETING WITH FINANCIAL MANAGERS AND EDS/CEOs OPERATING CAPITATED ADULT DAY PROGRAMS:**

A Skype meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, at 10 AM. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a variety of financial related topics associated with the closures of the Adult Day Programs across the state. Those providers that are Financial Managers of funding bands (a DSN Board) and operate Adult Day Programs should plan to attend. A meeting invitation with the link to join the meeting was sent out late last week to those we anticipate will need to attend.

## **III. REMINDER: DAY SERVICE REPORTING IN RESIDENTIAL SERVICES DURING COVID-19: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)**

Please be reminded that DDSN has requested providers to more regularly document the Day Program attendance in DSAL in order to have a more accurate, real-time understanding of Day Program billing. Providers are requested to key the attendance for the previous week by the close of business the following Monday (Example: Key April 13th through 17th by the end of the day on Monday the 20th). DSAL should be entered, but not approved, until the normal time (the 6th working day of the month). Click the link above to review the memo distributed to providers regarding Day Program reporting guidance.

## **IV. FEDERAL STATE AND PRIVATE PROTECTIONS FOR OLDER CONSUMERS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Center on Law and Elder Rights has issued a "Practice Tip" document which provides information regarding protection of consumers at risk of financial harm. Please click the link above for additional information.

## **V. FINANCIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS DURING THE PANDEMIC:**

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is committed to providing relevant financial education resources for older adults, their families, and practitioners who work in the aging field during the coronavirus pandemic and has shared the following resources:

- [Tips for financial caregivers](#) - Learn about ways to connect with someone whose money you help manage while observing virus prevention tactics like social distancing and quarantines.
- [Beware of scams](#) - Recognize and prevent fraud and scams during the coronavirus pandemic.
- [Online and mobile banking tips](#) - Online banking allows customers to handle their finances from the comfort of home. We share tips for people who are new to online or mobile banking, as well as offer information about the transactions that are available.
- [Avoid scams while finding help](#) - If you or a loved one needs help with errands, watch out for scammers. (Co-authored by the FTC)

## **VI. GASB VOTES TO DELAY NINE STANDARDS AND MORE:**

GASB voted to issue a proposal to delay nine standards plus delay the effective dates for four Implementation Guides. The exposure draft was issued for public comments that are due April 30<sup>th</sup>.

In total GASB is proposing to delay:

- Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*
- Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*
- Statement No. 87, *Leases*
- Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*
- Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*
- Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests*
- Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*
- Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*, paragraphs 6–10 and 12
- Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, paragraphs 13 and 14
- Implementation Guide No. 2017-3, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (and Certain Issues Related to OPEB Plan Reporting)*, Questions 4.85, 4.103, 4.108, 4.109, 4.225, 4.239, 4.244, 4.245, 4.484, 4.491, and 5.1–5.4
- Implementation Guide No. 2018-1, *Implementation Guidance Update—2018*
- Implementation Guide No. 2019-1, *Implementation Guidance Update—2019*
- Implementation Guide No. 2019-2, *Fiduciary Activities*
- Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*.

This news is beneficial to the DDSN provider network due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. DDSN recommends providers continue efforts to prepare for implementation of these standards despite the delay in the required implementation dates.

## **VII. GASB CREATES EMERGENCY TOOLKIT:**

There are a host of potential accounting issues to consider related to the COVID-19 pandemic. GASB has created a toolkit to assist governmental preparers and auditors in identifying those areas of generally accepted accounting principles that should be considered when preparing financial statements this fiscal year. DDSN recommends that GASB filers and auditors familiarize themselves with this toolkit and utilize the resources provided at this link: [GASB Emergency Toolkit](#).

## **VIII. SSI RECIPIENTS WILL RECEIVE AUTOMATIC ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENTS:**

The Treasury Department announced that Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients will receive automatic Economic Impact Payments directly from the Treasury Department. Treasury anticipates these automatic payments to go out no later than early May. SSI recipients with no qualifying children do not need to take any action in order to receive their \$1,200 economic impact payment. The payments will be automatic.

SSI recipients who have qualifying children under age 17, however, should not wait for their automatic \$1,200 individual payment. They should now go to the IRS webpage and visit the [\*Non-Filers: Enter Your Payment Info\*](#) section to provide their information. By taking proactive steps to enter information on the IRS website about them and their qualifying children, they will also receive the \$500 per dependent child payment in addition to their \$1,200 individual payment. If SSI beneficiaries in this group do not provide their information to the IRS soon, they will have to wait until later to receive their \$500 per qualifying child.

Please note that the agency will not consider Economic Impact Payments as income for SSI recipients, and the payments are excluded from resources for 12 months.

## **IX. PPE VENDOR UPDATE: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)**

DDSN's PPE vendor list has been updated. Please see click the above link to view the list.